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JIM JENSEN: Secret testimony released yesterday casts some doubt now about the candor of former CIA Director Richard Helms. The censored transcript of Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings shows Helms admitted he had not kept the Senate abreast of all agency operations, nor had he mentioned the desire of the Nixon Administration to topple the leftist regime of Chile's Salvador Allende.

Another inquiry chaired by Vice President Rockefeller in Washington today heard testimony from CIA alumnae. Charles Crawford has that.

CHARLES CRAWFORD: Almost from the first day the former New York Governor moved into his new office next to the White House, Vice President Nelson Rockefeller has spent much of his time heading the Central Intelligence Agency investigation ordered by President Ford. The inquiry began following reports the CIA had compiled intelligence files on some ten thousand Americans and was involved in illegal domestic surveillance activities. The Vice President insists the investigation will be no white wash and that all the Commission members are actively involved, including those who were absent for today's session.

VICE PRESIDENT NELSON ROCKEFELLER: All witnesses are recorded, and all minutes of the -- by the witnesses are available for discussion -- I mean, for reading by those members who couldn't be here.

CRAWFORD: Today's witnesses included William Rayburn; a retired Navy Admimiral and Director of the CIA from 1965 to 1966. Denying any knowledge of illegal activity during the time he headed the CIA, Rayburn says he sees the current investigation as useful.

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